

OHIO SCHOOLS TO WATCH

MODEL SCHOOL—VISITOR'S GUIDE

Canaan Middle School



Designated in 2006

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2005-07 School Statistics

Community: Size/characteristics
Enrollment: 300
Grade Levels: Grades 5 & 6
School Schedule:

Student Demographics

.5% Hispanic
99% White
.5% African American
% African American
% Filipino
% Asian
% Pacific Islander

30 % Free/Reduced Lunch
% English Learners

2005 AYP:
2006 AYP: Met
2007 AYP: Not Met

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Advance Classes in Math
- Gifted program
- Enrichment and Intervention Weekly for All Students
- 80 minute Core periods (Math, Reading, Science & Social Studies)
- Short Cycle Assessments in all core classes
- Full Inclusion
- Belief that All Students Can learn

Developmental Responsiveness

- Advisor-Advisee Period every day
- Physical Education 2-3 Times Per Week
- Students choose their own electives
- 80 minute periods allow "hands-on" learning activities
- Student Council
- Quarterly Goal Setting
- Service Learning Projects
- Student newspaper
- Students create Yearbook

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Social Equity

- Full Inclusion
- World cultures explored in Literature
- Equal access to all curriculum
- Mastery of Learning Philosophy
- “Grading in Pencil”
- Students recognized and rewarded for Good Character
- Weekly in-school intervention and after school tutoring
- Conduct grades

Organizational Support

- Job embedded Professional Development
- Collaborative Norms
- Weekly department and grade level meetings
- Professional Learning Community
- Shared leadership
- Work with universities
- Share practices with visiting schools
- Time for dialogue and data collection